

**In the Specification:**

On page 9, line 5, delete "9A and 9B" and insert therefor --9A, 9B, and 9C--.

On page 40, line 13, delete "Figure 9B" and insert therefor --Figures 9B and 9C--.

On page 41, line 1, delete "Figure 9B" and insert therefor --Figures 9B and 9C--.

On page 42, line 10, delete "Figure 9B" and insert therefor --Figures 9B and 9C--.

**REMARKS**

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted prior to examination for the purposes of correcting language informalities in the specification. In particular, this preliminary amendment adds references in the specification to Figure 9C because Figure 9B needed to be split into two figures during preparation of formal drawings, as set forth in the proposed Request for Approval of Drawing Corrections attached hereto.

In the event the Examiner considers a personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is hereby requested to call Attorney for Applicant(s), Thomas Zell.

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